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**HAND-DELIVERED** 

Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 JAN 12 2009

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Re: PSC Case No. 2008-00417

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case an original and five copies of the responses of Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation to the Commission Staff's Initial Data Request, dated December 19, 2008.

Very truly yours,

JAMES WILLIAM BÄRNET

Counsel for Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation

JWB/nd Enclosures

cc: Mr. James L. Jacobus, President/CEO

Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation

### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF INTER-COUNTY ENERGY	)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO	)	
PASS-THROUGH AN INCREASE OF ITS	)	CASE NO.
WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLIER PURSUANT	)	2008-00417
TO KRS 278.455(2)	)	

### **CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF KENTUCKY	)
	)
COUNTY OF CLARK	)

James C. Lamb, Jr., being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the responses of Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation to the Public Service Commission Staff Initial Data Request in the above-referenced case dated December 19, 2008, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this Rtl day of January, 2009.

My Commission expires:

Begand. Drift: Notary Public December 8, 2009

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APPLICATION OF INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO PASS-THROUGH AN INCREASE OF ITS WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLIER PURSUANT TO KRS 278.455(2)	) ) )	CASE NO. 2008-00417
CERTIFICATE		

STATE OF KENTUCKY	)
COUNTY OF CLARK	)

Ann F. Wood, being duly sworn, states that she has supervised the preparation of the responses of Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation to the Public Service Commission Staff Initial Data Request in the above-referenced case dated December 19, 2008, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of her knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 9th day of January, 2009.

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My Commission expires:

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## In the Matter of:

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TO KRS 278.455(2)	)	

RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST TO INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2008

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COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST DATED 12/19/08 REQUEST 1

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Ann F. Wood

COMPANY: Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation

Request 1. Provide the workpapers, spreadsheets, etc. which show the calculation of the increase, by individual wholesale rate schedule, in Inter-County's cost of power from East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. that Inter-County is proposing to flow through to its customers. Include a brief narrative description of the data being provided.

Response 1. Please see pages 2 and 3 of this response. EKPC multiplied the projected wholesale billing units for all members for the test year by the EKPC existing rates to determine revenue before the rate increase. The revenue increase was then proportioned to EKPC rate classes in order to develop proposed rates. After the proposed wholesale rates were developed, the new rates were applied to the same projected billing units proportionally among all rate classes. These rates were then applied to the projected wholesale billing units of each member system, in order to determine their proportionate share of EKPC's revenue requirements.

The total wholesale increase of \$2,742,301 differs from the \$2,739,785 increase at retail included in the pass-through application filed October 31, 2008 (Exhibit 3, Page 1 of 5). This difference represents a slight under recovery as a result of rounding.

7.93%

Percent Change

Inter-County										
Rate E Option 2			Cu	Current Rate	ate			Pro	Pro Rata	Calculated
Description	Billing Units		Rate	ឌី	Calculated Billings	Description	Billing Units	Rate		Billings
Metering Point Charge All Customers	168	es	125.00	ь	21,000.00	Metering Point Charge All Customers	168	\$ 138.00	ь	23,184.00
Substation charges Substation 1,000 - 2,999 kVa Substation 3,000 - 7,499 kVa Substation 7,500 - 14,999 kVa Substation > 15,000 kVa	132	<b>ស ស ស ស</b>	944.00 2,373.00 2,855.00 4,605.00	w w w w	376,860.00 165,780.00 542,640.00	Substation charges Substation 1,000 - 2,9 Substation 3,000 - 7,4 Substation 7,500 - 14, Substation > 15,000 K	132 36	\$ 1,041.00 \$ 2,617.00 \$ 3,149.00 \$ 5,079.00	69 69 69	- 415,668.00 182,844.00
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Demand Charge All Kw	1,120,993	G	5.22	€9	5,851,583.46	Demand Charge All Kw	1,120,993	\$ 5.76	<u>မ</u> ် မ	6,456,919.68
Energy Charge On-Peak (April - July) Off-Peak (April - July) On-Peak (Aug - March) Off-Peak (Aug - March)	75,771,208 53,940,878 162,697,874 164,790,605		0.042470 0.034904 0.042470 0.034904	<b>өөөө</b>	3,218,003.20 1,882,752.41 6,909,778.71 5,751,851.89	Energy Charge On-Peak <u>Off-Pea</u> k	kWh 238,469,082 218,731,483	\$ 0.046844 \$ 0.038499	8 11, 8 19,	\$ 11,170,845.68 \$ 8,420,943.36 \$ 19,591,789.04
FAC ES Power Factor	457,200,565 457,200,565	₩	0.007604	<b>ж </b>	3,476,553.10 3,766,496.89	FAC ES Power Factor			ତ ୧୯ ୧୯ ୧୯ ୧୯	3,476,553.10 3,766,496.89
Total Billings				சு	31,420,659.04	Total Billings			\$ 33	\$ 33,913,454.70
						Increase/(Decrease)			\$	\$ 2,492,795.67

	Pro Rata	Calculated Billings Description Billing Units Rate Billings	Demand Charge       93,515       \$ 6.86       \$ 641,512.90         581,663.30       Base kW       2,254       \$ 9.54       \$ 21,503.16         19,497.10       Excess kW       2,254       \$ 9.54       \$ 21,503.16         Interruptible kW       -       \$ -       \$ -       \$ -         Buy-Through \$       -       \$ -       \$ -       \$ -	Energy Charge kWh 1,821,768.64 All kWh 54,454,301 \$ 2,009,418.16	2,422,929.04 \$ 2,672,434.22	414,070.50 FAC \$ 414,070.50 386,399.34 ES \$ 386,399.34 - Power Factor \$	3,223,398.88 Total Billings \$ 3,472,904.06	Increase/(Decrease) \$ 249,505.18	Percent Change
	Current Rate	Rate	6.22 8.65 (2.25)	0.033455		0.007604			
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		Billing Units	93,515	kWh 54,454,301	54,454,301				
EKPC Inter-County Rate B		Description	Demand Charge Base kW Excess kW Interruptible kW Buy-Through \$	Energy Charge All KWh	MANAGES SPIT THE PROPERTY OF T	FAC ES Power Factor	Total Billings		13490

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COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST DATED 12/19/08 REQUEST 2

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Ann F. Wood

COMPANY: Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation

Refer to Exhibit 3 of the application. The billing analysis does not include an analysis of Rates B2, B3, C1, C2, and C3. Are there any customers taking service under these rates? If yes, explain why they are not included in the billing analysis and provide an updated analysis.

Response 2. There are currently no customers taking service on Rate Schedules B2, B3, C1, C2, or C3. These rates were increased by the same percentage as the rate classes that have active customers.

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST DATED 12/19/08 REQUEST 3

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON:** 

James C. Lamb, Jr./Ann F. Wood

COMPANY:

**Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation** 

Refer to Exhibit 3 of the application. The billing analysis shows various rate schedules with escalation percentages applied to the billing determinants. Explain the need for the escalation percentages and provide workpapers, spreadsheets, etc. for the calculation of the percentages, as well as a narrative explanation of how the percentages were determined.

Response 3. Since EKPC is using a forecasted test period, the increase is calculated based on projected billing determinants. In order to appropriately match retail rates to the forecasted test year used for wholesale rates, an escalation factor was used. The escalated data was applied to Residential and Small Commercial classes only due to the wide variance and unpredictable nature of the Large Commercial/Industrial class.

The Attachment shows the escalation percentages calculated by the Resource Planning Department of EKPC and the supporting calculations.

EKPC prepares a load forecast by working jointly with its member systems in preparing their individual load forecasts. Factors considered in preparing the forecasts include national, regional, and local economic performance, appliance saturations and

efficiencies, population and housing trends, service area industrial development, electric price, household income, and weather. Each member system reviews the preliminary forecast for reasonability.

The general steps followed by EKPC in developing its load forecast are summarized as follows:

EKPC subscribes to Global Insight, Inc., in order to analyze regional economic performance. Global Insight provides EKPC projections for population, employment, and income as well as other variables.

EKPC prepares a preliminary forecast for each of its member systems for each classification using monthly data as reported on the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Form 7, which contains publicly available retail sales data for member systems. These include: residential, seasonal, small commercial, public buildings, large commercial, and other. EKPC's sales to member systems are then determined by adding distribution losses to total retail sales. Seasonal peak demands are determined by applying peak factors for heating, cooling, and water heating to energy.

The supplementary spreadsheets in the Attachment contain the data resulting from the above-described process. The growth rates for energy sales, winter peak demand, and customers are based upon the monthly forecasts for the test period.

## **Escalation Percentages for Inter-County**

Escalation - MWH - Energy				
Time Period	MWH Sales			
May 2008 to April 2009	481,045			
May 2009 to April 2010	492,308			
Percent change	2.3%			

Escalation - MW - Demand	
Time Period	
Winter 2009-2010	148.5
Winter 2010-2011	150.7
Percent change	1.5%

Escalation - Customers - Residential				
	Average Annual			
Time Period	Customers			
2009	24,492			
2010	24,792			
Percent change	1.2%			

Escalation - Customers - Small Commercial			
Average Annual			
Time Period	Customers		
2009	1,336		
2010	1,356		
Percent change	1.5%		

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COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST DATED 12/19/08 REQUEST 4

RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Ann F. Wood

COMPANY: Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation

Refer to Exhibit 3 of the application, page 2 of 5. The analysis of Schedule 1-A, Farm and Home Marketing Rate, shows a customer charge of \$8.70. State where in Inter-County's tariff it provides for the collection of this charge from Schedule 1-A customers.

Response 4. The Farm and Home Marketing Rate is a rider to the Schedule 1 Farm and Home Service. The customer charge is only billed on the master meter (Schedule 1.) The customer charge calculated on Schedule 1A (Pass-Through Filing dated October 31, 2008, Exhibit 3, Page 2 of 5) should not have been included. This yielded an increase of \$605 and will not materially impact the pass-through filing.